

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SCALES OF TRANSLATOR-CUM-ANNOUNCER
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of posts of Translator-cum-Announcer are existing in Indian as well as foreign languages in All India Radio;
- (b) how many posts out of this are vacant, language-wise;
- (c) whether there is disparity in the pay scales of Translator-cum-Announcer of Indian languages and that of foreign languages; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the remedial measures taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) : There are 89(7 in Indian language and 82 in foreign languages) sanctioned posts of Translator-cum- Announcer in External Services Division of All India Radio. Besides, 6 temporary posts under Software Programme have been sanctioned in the grade of Translator-cum- Announcer in External Services Division.

(b) Language-wise vacancy position is given below:-

i) Arabic	1	vii) Pushtu	3
ii) Burmese	3	viii) Swahili	3
iii) Chinese	2	ix) Thai	1
iv) French	2	x) Tibetan	4
v) Indonesian	1	xi) Baluchi	2
vi) Nepali			

(c) : Yes, Sir.

(d) Translator-cum- Announcers of Indian Languages are in the pay scale of Rs.6,500-10,500/- while Translator-cum- Announcers (Indian National) of foreign language are in the pay scale of Rs.8,000-12,500/-. Since higher pay scale to Translator-cum- Announcers(Foreign Language) has been based on functional justification, question of any remedial action does not arise.